

March 22, 2011

Steve Medlin, Director Durham City-County Planning Department 101 City Hall Plaza Durham NC 27701

Re: Crowne Pointe

Expedited Hearing - Zoning Map Change Request

Dear Mr. Medlin:

I am a co-developer of Crowne Pointe, a proposed new construction affordable multifamily rental housing complex sited on Barbee Road. We have applied for a zoning map change and are currently working with Planning staff to prepare for a submittal to the May 10th Planning Commission meeting.

I'm writing to request an expedited hearing of the Planning Commission's recommendation on our project by the City Council, at a Council meeting no later than June 6th. The reason for this expedited request is to allow us to meet the final NC Housing Finance Agency 2011 submittal deadline, June 10th, to conclude any rezoning for an application seeking federal housing tax credits.

I am requesting an expedited hearing as provided for under section 3.5.11.B.4.a. of the city's Unified Development Ordinance: deadlines set by the local, State or Federal government for receipt of applications for needed funding, designation or other regulations concerning the property make expedited consideration necessary.

Section IV.A.1.(a)(ii) of the NCHFA 2011 Qualified Allocation Plan states the following:

Required zoning must be in place by the full application submission date (May 13, 2011), including special/conditional use permits, and any other discretionary land use approval required (includes all legislative or quasi-judicial decisions). The Agency may grant an extension of this deadline if:

- requested by the applicant in advance of the full application due date, and
- all approval(s) are scheduled to be considered for final approval no later than thirty (30) days from the full application date.

In evaluating extension requests, the Agency will consider whether the applicant complied with the jurisdiction's deadlines and other requirements in a timely manner.

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Please contact me if I can answer any questions or provide any further information to support this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Xamin President

cc: Scott Whiteman, Planning Supervisor

Amy Wolff, Planner